

## TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1843.

### SENATE.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Treasury, conveying the report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, which states (as we understood) that an increase of sales to the extent of \$600,000, had occurred the past year, owing to the pre-emption laws.

A message was received from the President relative to the "mounted howitzer."

### PETITIONS, &c.

Mr. MOREHEAD presented the joint resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky, respecting Christopher Miller, who rendered valuable service as a spy for General Wayne during the Revolution; also the memorial of Commander McIntosh, praying extra pay for serving in a higher grade than his own, under Commodore Dallas; also the memorial of Elizabeth B. Scott, widow of Alexander Scott, praying that her husband's accounts, in the settlement of which errors occurred against him, may be corrected.

Mr. RIVES presented a petition from the heirs of Philip Barbour.

Mr. KING, one from Alabama, for a reduction of postage.

### OREGON.

Mr. ATCHISON'S bill for the establishment of a government in the Territory of Oregon, was read twice, and referred to a select committee.

Mr. BAGBY, by leave, introduced a bill for the relief of George S. Gaines.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. ALLEN submitted a resolution asking the President to give copies of instructions to our minister to England relative to the occupation of Oregon, so far as compatible with public interest. The Senate held a short Executive session, and adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. WELLER, of Ohio, gave notice of his intention to bring in a bill to amend the charter incorporating the city of Washington.

Notice was also given of a bill to extend the provisions of the pension act of 1837.

### PETITIONS.

The States and Territories were again called for petitions.

[We noticed, with great satisfaction, that the subject of postage reform occupies a goodly share of the attention of the sovereign people.]

### SLAVERY.

Mr. GIDDINGS, of Ohio, presented a memorial from one Jones, now a prisoner in the common jail of this city, setting forth that he is unlawfully detained as a slave, and that he is a free man, and about to be sold to slavery to pay the fees of imprisonment.

The reading of this memorial excited considerable interest in the House. Mr. G. said it was dated this day, and witnessed by one of the most respectable citizens of the District, D. A. Hall, Esq.

Mr. DELLET, of Ala., said this was a subject properly belonging to the courts of the District, and not to Congress, and moved, therefore, to lay the subject on the table.

Mr. McCONNEL said "under the table."

The yeas and nays were called upon this motion, and it was rejected by a vote of 100 to 55.

Mr. SAUNDERS, of N. C., was extremely desirous of making a statement, but the Speaker decided that the subject, giving rise to debate, must go over.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK was for referring the memorial to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to bring in a bill to repeal all laws by which such persons were imprisoned and sold.

The SPEAKER said the motion was not in order.

### LADIES' CATHOLIC FAIR.

Mr. WOODWARD, of S. C., presented a long and courteously worded invitation to members of Congress from this ladies' fair.

Mr. McCONNEL moved that it be referred to this gentleman as a committee of one, and, also, that he bring in a bill to reduce the fees of the priests.

### IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of S. C., reported a resolution "That the Committee on the Judiciary bring in a bill to abolish imprisonment for debt in the District of Columbia," which was read, and referred to the Committee on the District.

### HOME SQUADRON.

Mr. HALE'S resolution in reference to the home squadron, was then taken up, and this gentleman expressed his determination to push this measure, and every other which might lead to retrenchment.

Mr. J. R. INGERSOLL then addressed the House in his usually chaste and eloquent style, and defended the navy warmly from the assaults made upon it.

Mr. E. J. MORRIS, (the new Whig member from Philadelphia) followed in a like gallant defence of the navy, home squadron, and all.

Mr. GIDDINGS got the floor next, and after an unsuccessful effort by Mr. Barnard to get the House into Committee of the Whole, Mr. G. addressed the House; he favored the resolution of Mr. Hale, and particularly warned the new members not to be drawn off from their purpose of retrenchment by any cry that this or that was not the right place to begin it.

After Mr. G. concluded, the previous question was moved; but no quorum voted.

A motion to adjourn was made, but withdrawn to have several public documents from the Departments laid before the House.

Mr. RHETT sent in a written resignation of his place upon the Select Committee on the Massachusetts Resolutions; the House excused him.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SEALING WAX, which burns without a light, just received at GILMAN'S Drug Store.

PERMUELED MATCHES, made without sulphur and produce no unpleasant smell while burning, for sale by the grocer or single box. Also, the same article put up in tin safes for family use, just received at GILMAN'S Drug Store.

NEW YORK CHEESE.—S. HOLMES has now on hand a choice lot of New York Cheese, to which he invites the attention of merchants. 7th street, nov 6—dlw nearly opposite Patriotic Bank.

## APOLLO HALL,

OPEN EVERY DAY AND EVENING.

THREE DAYS LONGER.

PRICES REDUCED!!

AT the urgent request of many families who have not yet seen the exhibition of Statuary, representing the Trial of our Saviour, the proprietor is induced to remain in the city three days longer. The exhibition will positively close on Monday evening, January 1, 1844.

The prices at the same low rate as heretofore, 12 cents, without distinction of age. dec 19—1t

REGISTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, December 26, 1843.

NOTICE is hereby given that the licenses obtained from the Corporation of Washington for occupying Butchers' Stalls in the several market houses, licenses obtained for Hucklestering in the city of Washington, and licenses for keeping Dogs in said city, will all expire on the 31st instant, and are required by law to be renewed at this office within ten days thereafter. C. H. WILTBERGER, Register.

SILK VELVETS, FRENCH MERINOES, &c.—This day received—

10 pieces blue-black Velvets, for ladies' dresses and bonnets

10 pieces superfine French Merinoes, fashionable colors

15 pieces black and colored Alpacaes

A large assortment fashionable Mousselines

1 carton very rich embroidered Shawls

1 do heavy black silk Shawls, 8-4 square

1 do rich col red silk and satin Shawls

4 dozen silk velvet and plush Points

10 pieces plaid Cloakings, various patterns and colors

1 elegant embroidered velvet Mantilla

Ladies' Gloves, Hosiery, &c.

ON HAND—

A large assortment of white and colored Flannels

Cloths, Cassimeres, Casinets, Blankets, Sheetings

Table Diapers, Napkins, Toweling, &c.

Which I will offer at unusually low prices to lessen stock. I respectfully solicit a call from my friends and the public generally.

R. C. WASHINGTON.

N. B. Every account upon my books will be sent in on or before the 1st of January next, and I trust that my friends will be prepared to pay them when presented. dec 23—3law2wif

R. C. W.

### MILITARY AND CIVIC BALL.

THE MONTGOMERY VOLUNTEERS of Rockville, intend giving their first Military and Civic Ball at the Hotel of Mr. WILLIAM SANDS, on THURSDAY EVENING, January 4th, 1844. Good music will be in attendance—and the attention of the Managers will be strictly devoted to those who will honor the Company with their presence, and add to the festivities and hilarity of the evening.

MANAGERS.

Lieut. Spates, W. O. Chappell,

Lieut. Martin, Dr. J. W. Anderson,

Lieut. Garrett, Greenbury Gaither,

Ensign Litten, Ed. W. Owen,

Sergeant Campbell, Dr. H. Wilson,

Sergeant Mouldin, I. R. Poole,

Surgeon Harding, Franklin Veirs, of L.,

Private Jos. C. Jones, Dr. J. Harding,

Private Adams, Lycurgus Valdenar,

Private Veirs, jr., Samuel Jones.

Tickets \$2.00.

Tickets may be had at the door on the evening of the Ball. dec 28—Th., Sat., & Tu

PERIFOCAL, OR AMERICAN PERISCOPIC SPECTACLES.

SUPERIOR to any other kind in use, constructed in accordance with the philosophy of Nature, in the peculiar form of a CONCAVO-CONVEX ELLIPSE; admirably adapted to the organs of Sight, and perfectly natural to the Eye; affording altogether the best artificial help to the human vision ever invented. They are manufactured only by H. M. PAINE & Co., Massachusetts, and can be obtained in this city of

S. MASI,

At his store on Pennsylvania avenue, near Gadsby's, to whom we have consigned a large assortment, suited to every age and condition of the eye.

The Perifocal Glasses can be used for the greatest length of time, either by day or night, with perfect ease, (when selected to suit the state of the eye,) and never cause that giddiness of the head, or unpleasant sensation to the eyes, that many experience from using the common kind, but tend to strengthen and improve the sight; as will be seen by the numerous testimonials from those who have used them, which can be examined by calling as above. We ask particular attention to the following certificate:

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1843.

I have recommended the Perifocal Spectacles to several patients, and have received from most of them warm encomiums upon the article. They assert that these Glasses do not fatigue the eyes by long use, as is apt to be the case with the double convex Spectacles, while the command of the eyes over the objects of vision is much greater. This corresponds with the opinion any optician would form from his knowledge of the principles upon which these Glasses are adjusted—so as to converge the rays coming from different quarters to the same focal distance. The eyes can be turned to a considerable extent, therefore, under these Glasses, without involving the necessity of moving the head.

GEO. McLELLAN, M. D., 148 Walnut street.

Perifocal Glasses put into other spectacle frames.

N. B. All persons not satisfied with these Glasses after making trial of them, are particularly requested to have them exchanged until suited.

JAS. KILBURN, dec 28—1m Agent for the Manufacturers.

WISTAR'S COUGH LOZENGES.—These Lozenges cannot be too strongly recommended to public attention as a safe and effectual medicine for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, &c. They are very serviceable in soreness and tightness of the breast, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, &c., and give almost immediate relief in troublesome sensation, tickling in the throat, which is so tormenting in this complaint.

They have been used very extensively in this city and other places, and have given universal satisfaction to all who have used them; price 25 cents per box. A large quantity just manufactured and for sale, with directions, at GILMAN'S, (late Todd's), Drug Store.

LIME.—The subscriber, having at length procured a supply of pure Limestone, will be prepared to furnish the customers of the Hamburg Lime Kilns with Lime, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, and for the remainder of the season, at 95 cents per barrel at the Kilns, at \$1 delivered, as heretofore. The Lime being burnt with wood is suitable for plastering.

On hand, best Hydraulic Cement, Calcined Plaster, and Ground Marble. WM. EASBY, nov 27—law1m

VARIETY STORE.—The subscriber has on hand, and intends constantly keeping, a general assortment of Hardware and Cutlery, plain and common Tin ware, Wood and Hollow ware, Baskets, and Brushes, &c. with a great variety of articles useful to housekeepers and builders, too numerous to be inserted in an advertisement; all of which he will sell as low as they can be obtained elsewhere.

Bellhanging and locksmithing attended to expeditiously and at moderate prices.

The subscriber earnestly solicits a share of public patronage.

J. D. BOTELER, Pennsylvania avenue, between 4th and 6th sts. dec 25—2aw3wif

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Extra super French and English port folios; richest styles of carved pearl, ivory, and agate seals; a splendid assortment of note papers, plain, gilt, embossed, and lace bordered; do. do. envelopes of numerous sizes and patterns; pearl and ivory carved folders of richest patterns; ladies' work boxes; fancy sealing wax; motto wafers in boxes; assorted mottoes; card cases of carved ivory and pearl, of the richest style of patterns; cards for baskets; perforated and Bristol boards; and plain and embossed visiting cards; dissected maps, and games of new patterns. Together with a general assortment of the most superior stationery ever offered in the city.

For sale by WM. F. BAYLY, Agent for Herrick and Blunt, Penn. Av. between 11 and 12th sts. dec 22—6t

VALUABLE BOOKS FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers for sale the following valuable books:

One set of the Journals of Congress from the commencement to the present time

One set American State Papers, complete

One set Gales & Seaton's Debates, from commencement as far as printed.

The above books will be sold to any person wanting them at very low prices, for cash.

JOHN A. BLAKE, Bookbinder, Penn. av., opposite Fuller's City Hotel. dec 23—

PORTER'S CHEMICAL OIL, CAMPHINE, AND PINE OIL.—The subscriber has just received per schooner Sturges, from New York, a large supply of the above named articles of the very best quality, which he offers for sale. Also a lot of empty casks.

E. F. BUCKINGHAM, Druggist, dec 21—1w Cor. Penn. av. and 12th sts.

NEW CHEAP GROCERY STORE.—The undersigned most respectfully informs his old friends and the public in general that he has commenced a regular family grocery store in the rooms under the Apollo Hall, the goods having been selected in New York with great care, and now received, consisting of fresh Teas, Coffees, &c. of the finest quality.

Teas—Imperial fine and extra fine, Gunpowder fine and extra fine, Young Hyson and Pouchong, all fresh.

Coffees—Old Java, Maricao, Rio and other kinds, all fresh and cheap.

Sugars—Loaf, lump and brown Sugar, very cheap.

Spices—Cloves, Cinnamon, Allspice, Ginger, and superior pepper ground and in bottles.

Flour—Superior Ohio, New York, and Buckwheat.

Liquors—Old French Brandy that can't be beat, H. Gin, superior old Rye Whiskey, Wines, &c.

Cigars—A lot of superior Spanish cigars.

Brooms—Fifty dozen brooms and wicks, painted buckets, keelers, crockery, glass and other ware, together with a great variety of articles entirely too numerous to mention—so cross over old friends, and take a peep at the Apollo Store Rooms, and I assure you, for the ready, you will find them hard to beat.

dec 21—2w WM. MORROW.

THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand a general assortment of the following goods: BRUSHES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CEDAR WARE, BASKETS, CASTINGS, WOOD BOWLS, &c., comprising almost every useful article which housekeepers stand in need; all of which are offered at fair prices.

GEO. SAVAGE, dec 21—1w Penn. av. near 9th st.

OMNIBUS FOR ALEXANDRIA.—An omnibus leaves Newton's Hotel, Alexandria, for Washington, every morning at 9 o'clock. Returning, it will leave John West's tavern in Washington, daily, for Alexandria, at 4 P. M. And so continue until further notice. Fare 25 cents.

dec 21— HENRY CHATHAM.

CHOICE MADEIRA WINE.—The subscriber has for sale, at moderate prices, at the Exchange Hotel on C street, wines of the following celebrated importations:

Ceylon, imported in 1834, in the ship Henry Clay

Black Warrior, also via India, in 1840

Reserve, from the Parish of San Martin direct.

All from the House of Messrs. J. Howard March & Co. of Madeira, and in bottles.

dec 5—nom THOMPSON TYLER.

CIDER, CIDER.—30 bbls. Newark Cider, prime quality, just received and for sale by SAMUEL BACON & Co.

dec 21—eo3t

LINSEED OIL AND PUTTY.—5 bbls first rate Linseed Oil; 1000 lbs Putty. Just received and for sale at GILMAN'S Drug Store.

dec 6

BRITISH LUSTRE.—200 lbs. British Lustre, for cleaning Stoves and Grates, just received at GILMAN'S, (late Todd's) Drug Store.

dec 6

APOTHECARIES' HALL MAGNESIA, superior, in every respect, to the common calcined, and quite equal to the celebrated Henry's Magnesia, and at a less price. A fresh supply of the above just received at GILMAN'S Drug store.

dec 6

LIFE AND SPEECHES OF HENRY CLAY, in two volumes, handsomely bound, embellished with a view of the statue on Cumberland road, and a fac-simile of a letter from Mr. Clay. For sale by R. FARNHAM, corner 11th street and Penn. av.

nov 6

TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS.—The subscriber has just received from the North a large assortment of School Books. The best editions have been carefully selected and well bound, consisting of every kind of school book and other requisites that are used in the District and the surrounding country, and will be sold at unusually low prices.

R. FARNHAM, corner 11th street and Penn. av.

nov 6

PATENT ELASTIC INKSTANDS.—An assortment of Elastic Inkstands just received from the manufacturer. A smaller size has just been introduced by the patentee, a neat and beautiful article, and is pronounced the most perfect of inkstands, as with it the ink never grows thick or evaporates, and preserves the same consistency and color until it is all consumed. Sold wholesale and retail by R. FARNHAM, corner 11th st. and Penn. av.

nov 7

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

The subscriber has lately received, in addition to his former stock, a large assortment of Catholic and Episcopal Prayer Books, elegantly bound in Turkey morocco, and gilt suitable for presents.

Also, a large assortment of Juvenile Books, suitable for presents, that has ever been offered in this city, which will be sold at very low prices.

R. FARNHAM, cor. 11th street and Penn. av.

dec 21—

BONESET CANDY, FOR COUGHS, COLDS, &c.—Brown's Compound Boneset Candy, composed of a large number of vegetable materials, all of which are excellent of themselves, for the cure of coughs, colds, spitting of blood, &c.; 100 pounds this day received, at GILMAN'S Drug Store.

dec 19

FOREIGN AND AMERICAN SNUFFS.—I have just received a very large supply of foreign, and American Snufts, embracing the largest assortment ever offered for sale in this city, named, in part, as follows:

AMERICAN.

216 pounds American Gentleman

240 Genuine Congress

211 Imitation do

237 Demi Gros

312 Guignon

800 Yellow, brown, and black Rappee

456 Plain unscented do

250 Lancaster do

350 Maccabau do

184 Imitation do

120 Fine Scotch

20 do No. 1 and 2, in bottles

167 Natchitoches

12 dozen do in bottles

FOREIGN.

10 dozen Maccabau de la Martinique de chez Jos. Lamorelle

3 Hardham's No. 9 and 27, in lead

3 Veritable Rapé de Paris sans opprét

1 Friburg & Freyer's Mace, in tin

21 Bolongoro Borgis, Rappe Morocco

The above Snufts, with a large stock of Cigars, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c., were selected by myself from the principal American and importing houses in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and are offered for sale as cheap as any store in this city.

JAMES M. DORSETT, Snuft, Tobacco, and Fancy Store, No 11, east of Gadsby's Hotel.

dec 9

YEAST SUBSTITUTE, superior in every respect to the ordinary Yeast now in use, for making Rolls, Buckwheat Cakes, Loaf Bread, &c., for sale, with directions for use, at GILMAN'S Drug store.

nov 27

TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHERS.

The Proprietor of the EXCHANGE HOTEL respectfully informs Members of Congress and strangers, that he is prepared at all times to furnish dinners and suppers for parties, at reasonable prices, and at short notice, having every convenience for that purpose.

THOMPSON TYLER.

dec 12—1f

HOME INDUSTRY.—J. MAGUIRE, Hat Manufacturer, Seventh street, opposite the Patriotic Bank, has for sale a good assortment of splendid Molekin, Castimere, Nutria Beaver, Plain Russia, and Silk Hats of the latest fashion of his own make and finish, which he warrants equal in style, finish, and quality, to any imported, and at the lowest possible prices. Those disposed to encourage their own mechanics, will please give him a call and judge for themselves. All kinds of muffs, furs, and caps of every style and quality sold very cheap.

Five rooms above the store for rent. They will be furnished, if preferred. nov 24—1m

PERFUMERY AND FANCY ARTICLES.—German and French Cologne Water, Hair and Tooth Brushes, Combs, assorted Extracts &c. &c. Just received at GILMAN'S Drug Store.

dec 6

SPECTACLES.—My attention has been called to an article in the public papers and circulated in handbills about this city, called Perifocal Spectacles, said to be constructed in accordance with the philosophy of nature, in the form of a Concavo-Convex Ellipse. What is meant by the philosophy of nature may be hard to tell, but certainly they are at variance from the laws or principles of Optics, as certainly no Ellipse can converge the rays of light to a perfect focus. They are said not to be the French meniscus or Wollaston's periscope (one and the same construction of glasses.) The meniscus lens is a truly ground surface, concave on one side; the other side, possessing a greater degree of sphericity, consequently becomes a magnifying glass. This species of glass will converge the rays of light the same as a double convex lens. The application of this form of lenses in the shape of Spectacles, gives the eye a greater field of vision.

The celebrated Dr. Brewster, in speaking of these Spectacles says that they give decidedly more imperfect visions than common spectacles, because they increase both the aberration of figure and of color; but they may be of use in a crowded city in warning us of the oblique approach of objects. Now, as spectacles are intended to assist nature, and the Eye, the most perfect masterpiece of Divine Mechanism, (in its natural state,) every part has the very form and office which the laws of optics require for the most perfect vision of an object. Is it not preposterous to apply a piece of bent concave or convex glass without true form or figure to its assistance? On the contrary, is it not reasonable to conclude that their continued use would destroy the eye entirely? Spectacles are probably the most ancient of all optical instruments, and yet has undergone the least change of any. The subject has been well considered by Opticians throughout all Europe for ages, and the general conviction is that a truly ground concave or convex lens is the most suitable for assisting decaying or unnatural visions of the human eye. R. PATTEN.

The subscribers have for sale at their manufactory, on Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 10th and 11th streets, a general assortment of the best of Spectacles, with truly ground glasses. Glasses of the best quality fitted to old frames, &c. Also, Surveyor's Compasses, Levels, and Drawing Instruments, of the best quality.

R. PATTEN & SON.

\* Instruments made to order, and warranted. dec 9—1m

CARD.—The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and customers that their accounts will all be rendered to them on the 1st January next, and he earnestly hopes that all will be prepared to settle the same, either by cash, or notes at very short dates. This is absolutely necessary, in order to enable him to meet engagements that are upon him, and which he can only do by realizing what is due to him. Those, especially, whose accounts have been long due, will confer a great favor by being ready to settle the same when called upon.

C. H. JAMES, Corner 14th and E streets.

dec 15—dlw

OIL BLACKING, &c.—If you want dry feet all winter, prepare your boots and shoes with